

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Original): A method of preparing a beverage comprising the steps of:

- a) inserting a first beverage cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients into a beverage preparation machine;
- b) operating said beverage preparation machine to pass an aqueous medium through the first beverage cartridge to dispense a first portion of said beverage into a receptacle;
- c) inserting a second beverage cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients into the beverage preparation machine; and
- d) operating the beverage preparation machine to pass an aqueous medium through the second beverage cartridge to dispense a second portion of said beverage into the receptacle;

wherein that one of the first or second beverage cartridges contains a liquid dairy-based ingredient.

Claim 3 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein one of the first or second beverage cartridges contains an ingredient for forming a brewed portion of a beverage.

Claim 4 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 3 further comprising the step of removing the first beverage cartridge before inserting the second beverage cartridge.

Claim 5 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the beverage ingredient in the first or second beverage cartridge is roast and ground coffee.

Claim 6 (Original): A method as claimed in claims 4 wherein the beverage ingredient in the first or second beverage cartridge is leaf-based tea.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the beverage ingredient in the first or second beverage cartridge, prior to the step of operating said beverage preparation machine to pass an aqueous medium through the first beverage cartridge to dispense a first portion of said beverage into a receptacle, is a liquid coffee ingredient.

Claim 8 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the liquid dairy-based ingredient is a concentrated dairy-based product.

Claim 9 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the concentrated dairy-based product is concentrated liquid milk.

Claim 10 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the concentrated liquid milk contains between 25 and 40% total solids.

Claim 11 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the concentrated liquid milk contains 30% total solids.

Claim 12 (Original): A method as claimed in claims 11 wherein the concentrated liquid milk contains between 0.1 and 12% fat.

Claim 13 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 12 further comprising the step of foaming the one or more liquid dairy-based ingredients during dispensation.

Claim 14 (New): A method as claimed in claim 4 further wherein the step of removing the first beverage cartridge before inserting the second beverage cartridge

includes removing the first cartridge from a cartridge holder and the step of inserting a second beverage cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients into the beverage preparation machine includes inserting the second cartridge into the same cartridge holder from which the first cartridge was removed.